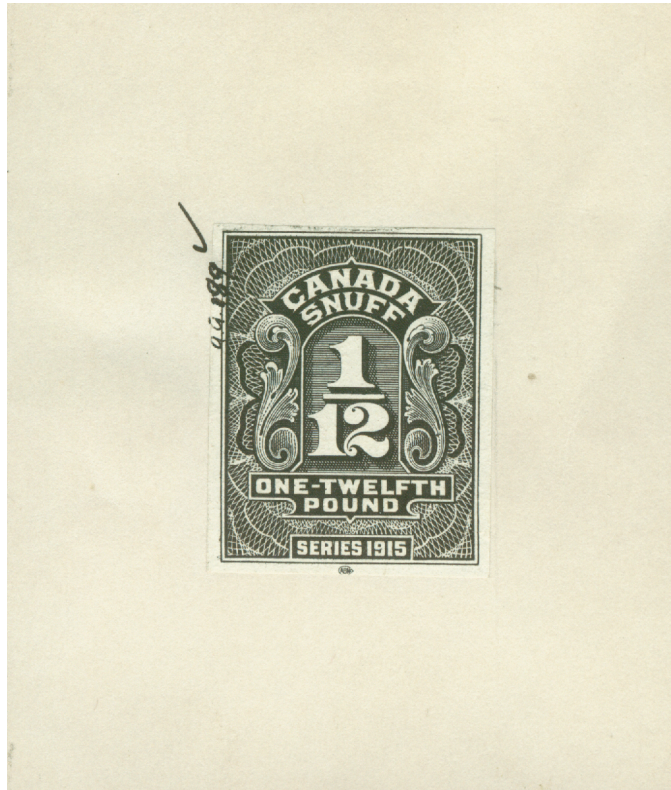


--- RS-83X DP - 1/12th Pound - "Series of 1915"- SNUFF - Die Proof [A. A. 189] - in BLACK Ink ---

--- recess printed by ABN, New York - 22 x 29 mm. design - with the ABN monogram - scanned at 150% scale ---

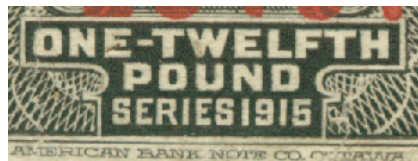


★ RS-83X DP - 1/12th pound, black die proof, recess printed on bond paper and mounted on thin cardboard
[inscribed A.A. 189 in black ink]

--- the ABN monogram below (scanned at 800% scale) is from the above 1915 die proof ---



Note: the *production stamp* RS-83 carries a 17½ mm. imprint [AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA] has an enclosed white lettering at the bottom - in the final design for RS-84 and RS-85 the stamp was reduced to 22 x 25 mm.



--- from RS-83 - scanned at 150% scale ---

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of die No. OG-343 for the "Series of 1915" one-twelfth pound "square" snuff stamp. As there were two formats for this stamp (22 x 29 mm.) and (22 x 25 mm.) the record is not definite enough. In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of Roll No. XG-287 for the "Series of 1915" one-twelfth pound "square" snuff stamp. The die and roll were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the "Hull Iron and Steel Works" as scrap metal.

[These paragraph are taken from information supplied by Chris Ryan]

--- RS-83 - 1/12th Pound - "Series of 1915"- SNUFF - 22 x 25 mm. design ---

--- recess printed by ABN, Ottawa - in black ink ---

--- with the 17½ mm. imprint [AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA] ---



★ RS-83 - 1/12th pound, black, perf 12 - 22 x 25 mm.



★ RS-83 - 1/12th pound, perf 12,
cancelled **TOBACCO / MAY / 19 1916** by "National Tobacco", Montreal

Out of curiosity concerning the switch from the 22 x 25 mm. stamp, to the smaller 18 x 25 mm. stamp, and its counterpart the *imprint-free* version, I have begun a cancellation series on these stamps. I have no idea of the significance, if there is any, of the blue overprint **14** on the above illustrated stamp. Perhaps the dates were pre-printed, and the above stamp saw prior use on the 14th, instead of on the red printed date of May 19th, 1916. Dr. Earle Covert has a copy stamped with **16**.

The usage pattern, as determined to date from the cancellation collection, is as follows:

RS-83 - 22 x 25 mm	- May 1916 to June 1920
RS-84 - 18 x 25 mm, with imprint	- November 1922 to September 1925
RS-85 - 18 x 25 mm, <i>without imprint</i>	- September 1925 to October 1934

--- RS-83 - 1/12th pound - Series of 1915 - “National Tobacco”, Montreal - “26-17” ---

--- recess printed in black ink - 22 x 25 mm. ---



★RS-83 - 1/12th pound, perf 12, coded **TOBACCO / MAY / 19 1916**



--- the 18½ mm. ABN “Ottawa” imprint - scanned at 500% scale ---

[★RS-83]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1915	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1916	---	---	---	---	19	---	---	14	25	---	---	---
1917	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1918	23	22	16	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13
1919	---	10	20	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	---
1920	---	11	---	7	---	7	---	---	---	---	---	---
1921	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

The 1/12th pound, smaller (18 x 25 mm.) stamp **RS-84** was in use by March 19, 1921

Dr. Earle Covert has a copy coded **TOBACCO / AUG / 14 1916** hand-stamped with a blue **16**.

--- RS-84 - 1/12th Pound - “Series of 1915”- SNUFF - 18 x 25 mm. design ---

--- with the 17½ mm. imprint [AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA] ---



★RS-84 - 1/12th pound, perf 12, inverted code **26-10-D / TOBACCO / SEPT. 13, 1924**



★RS-84 - 1/12th pound, perf 12, coded **26-10-D / TOBACCO / NOV. 12, 1922**

[★RS-84]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1921	---	---	19	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	---
1922	---	14	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	---
1923	---	---	---	---	---	15	---	---	10	---	---	---
1924	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	---	---	---
1925	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---



--- the 17½ mm. “Ottawa” imprint - scanned at 500% scale ---

Since CBN, the “Canadian Bank Note Company”, was formed as a separate but affiliate branch of ABN in 1923, one would presume that the 17½ mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” on **RS-84** was removed as new plates were required and the imprint-free stamp **RS-85** was the result. The last imprint bearing copy of **RS-84** collected to date comes from September 11th 1924.

--- RS-85 - 1/12th Pound - "Series of 1915"- SNUFF - 18 x 25 mm. design ---

--- without the 17½ mm. imprint ---



RS-85 - 1/12th pound, perf 12 - *without* the imprint
cancelled **26-10-D / MAY / 8 - 34** by "National Tobacco", Montreal

RS-85 SP - 1/12th pound, perf 12 - *without* the imprint, stamped *Sample* in purple ink
[more than a single sheet was prepared, as portions of purple offset occur on the gummed back]

--- RS-85 - 1/12th Pound - "Series of 1915"- SNUFF - 18 x 25 mm. design ---

--- without the 17½ mm. imprint ---



★RS-85 - 1/12th pound, perf 12, inverted code **26-10-D / TOBACCO / SEPT. 28, 1925**

★RS-85 - 1/12th pound, perf 12, coded **26-10-D / TOBACCO / OCT. 25 - 29**

[★RS-83]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1925	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	28	6	26	---
1926	1	15	---	---	---	---	21	---	---	---	---	---
1927	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1928	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1929	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	---	---
1930	---	---	---	---	---	27	4	---	---	---	---	---
1931	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	23	---	---	---
1932	---	---	---	---	---	---	14	---	---	---	---	7
1933	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1934	---	---	---	---	14	13	---	---	17	30	---	---
1935	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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